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1. REFTEL DESCRIBED DESIRE OF UNIDO SECRETARIAT TO CONCENTRATE DISCUSSION DURING UNIDO CONSULTATIONS ON MATTERS OF SUBSTANCE AND AVOID POLEMICS. TO THIS END, SECRETARIAT HAS DRAFTED SUGGESTED RULES OF PROCEDURE FOR CONSULTATIONS AND CIRCULATED THEM TO CERTAIN VIENNA-BASED MISSIONS FOR COMMENT. SECRETARIAT (HACINI) PLANS MEET WITH CHAIRMAN OF REGIONAL GROUPS JANUARY 11 FOR REVIEW AND DISCUSSION OF RULES. GROUP B WILL MEET ON JANUARY 10 TO INSTRUCT CHAIRMAN (VON SCHENCK) IN PREPARATION FOR JAN. 11 MEETING.

2. SUGGESTED RULES OF PROCEDURE ARE AS FOLLOWS:

QUOTE. 1. THE MEETING WILL ELECT A CHAIRMAN AND THREE VICE-CHAIRMEN WHO SHALL CONSTITUTE THE BUREAU OF THE MEETING. THE CHAIRMAN WILL APPOINT A VICE-CHAIRMAN TO PRESIDE WHEN HE IS ABSENT; HE WILL HAVE THE SAME POWERS AND DUTIES AS THE CHAIRMAN.
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2. THE CHAIRMAN SHALL CALL UPON PARTICIPANTS TO SPEAK IN THE ORDER IN WHICH THEY HAVE ASKED TO DO SO. HE MAY GIVE PREFERENCE TO PARTICIPANTS TAKING THE FLOOR FOR THE FIRST TIME. AS A GENERAL RULE, NO INTERVENTION MAY EXCEED 10 MINUTES.

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3. THE CHAIRMAN IS EMPOWERED TO SUMMARIZE THE DISCUSSION WITH A VIEW TO REACHING CONSENSUS ON RECOMMENDATIONS AND CONCLUSIONS AND CLOSE THE DISCUSSION AFTER RECEIVING THE AGREEMENT OF THE MEETING.

4. IN THE EVENT OF A PARTICIPANT RAISING A POINT OF ORDER, THE CHAIRMAN SHALL GIVE AN IMMEDIATE RULING ON THAT MATTER.

5. THE RECOMMENDATIONS AND CONCLUSIONS OF THE MEETING SHALL BE ADOPTED BY CONSENSUS.

6. THE CHAIRMAN ADVISED BY THE BUREAU MAY SET UP WORKING PARTIES WITH OPEN-ENDED PARTICIPATION AS REQUIRED TO DISCUSS SELECTED POINTS AND TO DRAFT SUGGESTED RECOMMENDATIONS AND CONCLUSIONS THAT CAN THEN BE PRESENTED FOR ADOPTION BY CONSENSUS AT A PLENARY SESSION.

7. THE TEXT OF RECOMMENDATIONS AND CONCLUSIONS SHALL BE PREPARED BY THE BUREAU OR BY THE WORKING PARTIES; THEY SHALL BE DISTRIBUTED BY THE SECRETARIAT TO ALL PARTICIPANTS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE IN THE FIVE WORKING LANGUAGES OF THE MEETING FOR FINAL CONSIDERATION AT A PLENARY SESSION.

8. THERE WILL BE NO SUMMARY RECORD OF THE DISCUSSIONS. THE OFFICIAL REPORT OF THE MEETING WILL INCLUDE THE RECOMMENDATIONS AND CONCLUSIONS THAT
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ARE AGREED BY CONSENSUS.

9. THE TEXT OF THE STATEMENTS MADE BY PARTICIPANTS WILL NOT BE OFFICIALLY REPORDUCED AND DISTRIBUTED BY THE SECRETARIAT.

10. THE WORKING LANGUAGES OF THE PLENARY SESSIONS OF THE MEETING SHALL BE ENGLISH, FRENCH, SPANISH, RUSSIAN AND CHINESE; FOR WORKING PARTIES INTERPRETATION IN ENGLISH, FRENCH AND SPANISH WILL BE PROVIDED.

11. THE DISCUSSIONS OF THE MEETING, WHETHER THOSE OF PLENARY SESSIONS OR OF WORKING PARTIES, SHALL REMAIN PRIVATE. THE PRESENCE OF THE PRESS SHALL NOT BE ALLOWED.

12. THE CHAIRMAN, ADVISED BY THE BUREAU, SHALL

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ESTABLISH RULINGS ON ALL PROCEDURAL MATTERS NOT
COVERED BY THESE RULES OF PROCEDURE. UNQUOTE.

3. IN GENERAL, MISSION FINDS THESE DRAFT RULES
ATTRACTIVE ON THEIR SIMPLICITY AND IN THEIR PROVISION THAT
AGREEMENT ON MATTERS OF SUBSTANCE BE REACHED
THROUGH CONSENSUS (RULES 3 AND 5). WE ARE CONCERNED,
HOWEVER, BY REPEATED MENTION OF EXPECTATION THAT
MEETING SHALL ADOPT "CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS"
(RULES 3, 5, 6 7, AND 8); BREVITY OF 5-DAY
CONSULTATION MAY MILITATE AGAINST AGREEMENT ON SPECIFIC
CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS, AND ANY FAILURE OF
CONSULTATIONS TO REACH SUCH AGREEMENT MAY BE ATTRIBUTED
BY SOME PARTICIPANTS TO LACK OF "POLITICAL WILL" ON
PART OF OTHERS. MISSION IS CONSIDERING VARIOUS
FORMULATIONS TO SUBSTITUTE FOR REPEATED USE OF
"CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS" (E.G.- RULE 3, DROP
REFERENCE TO CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONTS; IN RULE 5,
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SUBSTITUTE WORD "RESULTS"; IN RULE 6, SUBSTITUTE WORDS
"AGREED LANGUAGE"). MISSION WOULD APPRECIATE DEPT'S
REACTION TO ABOVE AND INSTRUCTIONS FOR USE AT GROUP B
MEETING JANUARY 10. STIBRAVY

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